

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

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For: PRODUCTION CELL

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Before examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered). Please AMEND claim 6 and ADD new claim 11 in accordance with the following:

1. (Original) A production cell comprising a plurality of work performing elements for performing work, and an information processing device for commanding work tasks, connected to the respective work performing elements by communications means;

wherein said information processing device outputs a command consisting of a set of task units assigned with an execution sequence, to each of the work performing elements; and

the work performing elements each store operating programs for respectively executing one or more task units, and perform work by executing the operating programs in the order of the execution sequence, on the basis of the set of task units with an assigned execution sequence output by said information processing device.